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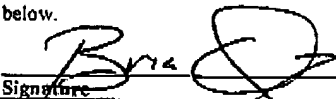
Claims 1-4, 6-11, 13-16, 23-27, and 30-32 are pending after the election. Applicants withdraw Claims 5, 12, 17-22, 28, and 29 as not being shown in the elected species Figure 12A.

The examiner required the Applicants to elect to prosecute claims directed to only one of the nine species identified in the Restriction Requirement. Applicants elect to prosecute those claims that are directly related to Figure 12A, which illustrates an array of blue, UV, or near-UV LEDs in an LCD backlight, where a phosphor sheet 39 converts the blue, UV, or near-UV light to a white light.

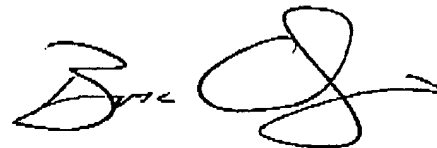
The generic claims that cover all the species are at least Claims 1-4, 31 and 32. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully disagree with the examiner that only Claim 1 is generic. Independent Claim 31 is similar to Claim 1. The limitations in Claims 2-4 and 32 apply to all species since these claims are directed to any backlight described in the application. In the next Office Action, Applicants request that the examiner reconsider the generic claims.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, the withdrawn dependent claims should be reinstated and also allowed

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